



PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KUBOTA et al. Conf.: 3550
Appl. No.: 10/062,487 Group: 1751
Filed: February 5, 2002 Examiner: L. M. DOUYON
For: DETERGENT PARTICLES

PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2003

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(a) to suspend action in the matter of the present application.

On request of the applicant, a suspension of action by the Office is requested under this paragraph. Applicants herein request suspension of action for a period of six (6) months. Included herewith are the following:

(1) A showing of good and sufficient cause for suspension of action; and

(2) A check in the amount of \$130.00 as set forth in § 1.17(h).

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully petition for a suspension of action for a time of 6 months in the matter of the instant application.

This petition is being filed based on good and sufficient cause. More particularly, the petition is being filed based on applicants desire to determine if comparative testing can be carried out with the closest prior art reference(s) of record, showing that the detergent particles of the cited art do not possess the structural features of the detergent particles of the instant invention and/or that such detergent particles of the cited art are unable to meet the physical characteristics of the detergent particles of the instant invention.

CONCLUSION

Favorable action on the instant petition is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Should the Petition's Examiner have any questions regarding the instant petition, the Petition's Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below.

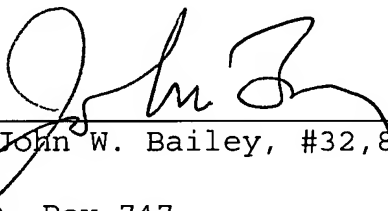
If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or

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credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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